## SENATE BILL 1240

## By Crowe

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to career and technical education.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-11-110, is amended by deleting subsection (a) and substituting:

(a) The department of education shall begin preparing students in middle school grades for a career and technical education (CTE) pathway by introducing students to career exploration opportunities that allow students to explore a wide variety of high-skill, high-wage, or in-demand career fields.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-11-110(b), is amended by deleting the language "is encouraged to" and substituting the word "shall".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-412(b), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(3) Upon administering a career aptitude assessment to students in grade seven (7) or grade eight (8), an LEA shall provide the students with information on career and technical education opportunities offered by the LEA in which the student is eligible to participate.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.